

**Amendments in the Specification:** (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

In the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 18:

5 The use of door protectors is known in the prior art. U.S. Patent No. 5,333,923 describes a device that is attached to the wheel wells of a vehicle so that it extends along the length of the car and thereby protects it from dents. This device is not easily removed and attached and requires brackets to be secured to an inner wall of the wheel wells. Another type of door protector is U.S. Patent No. ~~5,62,139~~ 5,162,139 that comprises a plurality of strips that may be positioned on a vehicle along its sides and into locking  
10 mechanisms for locking the strips together in a substantially linear orientation. Yet another such device is U.S. Patent No. 5,184,857 that includes a plurality of bumpers secured together with tethers. The end bumpers have hooks thereon for attaching the bumpers to the wheel wells of the vehicle.